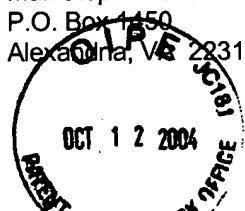


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket No.
11954-1920

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



In re Application of: Schmidt, et al.

Application Number: 10/044,682 Filed: 11-09-01

For: Apparatus for Transferring Poultry Carcasses

Group Art Unit: 3643 Examiner: David J. Parsley

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate small-entity fee are as follows:
(check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ 210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ 475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ 740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ 1,005.00 |

- Payment of the Extension of Time appears in the enclosed Amendment Transmittal Letter. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

- OR -

- Payment is enclosed as follows:
- A check in the amount of enclosed.
 - Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of 143.00
 - The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge to a Deposit Account
 - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

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Date

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revisions.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ 143.00)

Complete If Known

Application Number	10/044,682
Filing Date	November 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Schmidt
Examiner Name	Parsley, David J.
Group / Art Unit	3643
Attorney Docket No.	11954-1920

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number

20-0778

Deposit Account Name

Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer Risley, L.L.P.

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
- Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
- Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility Filing Fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design Filing Fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
	23	- 24** =	0	X 9.00	= 0.00
	8	- 6** =	2	X 44.00	= 88.00
				140.00	=

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$88.00)				

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEES CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	55.00
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional application	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 55.00)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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